

IN 2007, WHILE MS. STROHM WAS EMPLOYED AS A SOCIAL WORKER IN A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION AND CORRECTIONS, MS. STROHM BLURRED HER PROFESSIONAL BOUNDARIES WITH A CLIENT BY GIVING A GIFT AND THROUGH INAPPROPRIATE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS. THESE ACTIONS CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF ORC 4757.36 (A)(1) AND OAC 4757-5-03 (A) (1), (3) AND (4). MS. STROHM COMPLETED THE TERMS OF HER CONSENT AGREEMENT AS OF 08/04/2010

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**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
DEENA G. STROHM
AND THE**

**STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between DEENA G. STROHM, hereinafter, "**STROHM**," and the STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD, hereinafter "**BOARD**," the state agency charged with enforcing Chapter 4757 of the Ohio Revised Code and all rules promulgated therein.

STROHM hereby acknowledges that she has read and understands this CONSENT AGREEMENT and has voluntarily entered into it without threat or promise by the **BOARD** or any of its members, employees or agents.

STROHM is fully aware of her rights, including her right to be advised by counsel and her right to a hearing pursuant to Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code on the issues which are the subject of this CONSENT AGREEMENT. Should **STROHM** fail to comply with any provisions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, **STROHM** knowingly waives her rights under ORC Chapter 119.

This CONSENT AGREEMENT contains the entire agreement between the parties, there being no other agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies the terms of this CONSENT AGREEMENT.

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

1. **STROHM** is an independent social worker (I-0023129) licensed to practice social work in the State of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of social work as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. **STROHM** received her independent social work license on July 21, 2006.
2. In 2007, while **STROHM** was employed as a social worker in a correctional facility through the Ohio Dept. of Rehabilitation and Corrections, **STROHM** blurred her professional boundaries with a client by giving a gift and through an inappropriate exchange of letters. These actions constitute a violation of Ohio Revised Code 4757.36(A)(1)

and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-03(A)(1), (3) and (4).

3. **STROHM** admits the allegations referenced in paragraph 2.

Wherefore, in consideration of the foregoing and mutual promises hereinafter set forth, and in lieu of any other formal disciplinary proceedings, **STROHM** knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the **BOARD** to the following terms and conditions:

1. **STROHM'S** license to practice social work (I-0023129) is reprimanded.
2. If **STROHM** is doing non-clinical work, **STROHM** must receive face-to-face supervision, by an individual pre-approved in writing by the Board for a period of 2 years. If any previous relationship with the supervisor exists, **STROHM** must provide full disclosure of such a relationship in the written request for supervisor approval. The 2-year supervision period will not begin until **STROHM'S** supervisor is approved in writing by the Board's Deputy Director or his designee. Supervision should focus on, but not limited to, **STROHM'S** role in professional relationships, ethical decision-making, and issues relating to boundaries in therapy. **STROHM'S** supervisor is required to submit a report to the Board, every six months, detailing topics discussed during supervision sessions, areas of concern, and areas for improvement. At the end of the 2-year supervised period, **STROHM'S** supervisor will make a final report encompassing the 2 years of supervision. If **STROHM'S** supervisor is concerned with **STROHM'S** practice at any time the Board should be notified immediately. It is **STROHM'S** responsibility to ensure that the Board receives the supervisor's reports. All costs associated with the supervision, if any, are at the expense of **STROHM**. Once **STROHM** successfully completes this supervision, she must ensure verification of the completion is sent to the Investigation Unit at the Board offices.
3. If **STROHM** is doing clinical work, she must receive face-to-face supervision, by an individual pre-approved in writing by the Board, one-hour every week or two-hours two times per month for a period of 2 years. **STROHM** should not select a supervisor with which she has a prior relationship. If any previous relationship with the supervisor exists, **STROHM** must provide full disclosure of such a relationship in the written request for supervisor approval. The 2-year supervision period will not begin until **STROHM'S** supervisor is approved in writing by the Board's Deputy Director or his designee. Supervision should focus on, but not limited to, **STROHM'S** role in professional relationships, ethical decision-making, and issues relating to boundaries in therapy. **STROHM'S** supervisor is required to submit a report to the Board, quarterly, detailing topics discussed during supervision sessions, areas of concern, and areas for improvement. At the end of the 2-year supervised period, **STROHM'S** supervisor will make a final report encompassing the 2 years of supervision. If

STROHM'S supervisor is concerned with **STROHM'S** practice at any time the Board should be notified immediately. It is **STROHM'S** responsibility to ensure that the Board receives the supervisor's reports. All costs associated with the supervision, if any, are at the expense of **STROHM**. Once **STROHM** successfully completes this supervision, she must ensure verification of the completion is sent to the Investigation Unit at the Board offices. During this period, **STROHM** cannot supervise anyone clinically herself and she is not eligible to obtain/maintain the social work supervision credential.

4. **STROHM** must take eight (8) hours of continuing social work education in the area of professional ethics. These hours must be pre-approved in writing by the Board's Deputy Director or his designee. After **STROHM** completes these hours, she must submit a copy of her attendance certificate(s) to verify her attendance for these hours. These hours must be completed and verification submitted no later than November 30, 2008. The credit earned from these hours may not be used toward the thirty (30) hours of continuing education required for license renewal. All costs associated with the course are at the expense of **STROHM**.

It is hereby agreed by and between both parties that this CONSENT AGREEMENT hereby settles all issues concerning this matter.

By her signature on this CONSENT AGREEMENT, **STROHM** acknowledges that in the event the **BOARD**, in its discretion, does not approve this CONSENT AGREEMENT, this settlement offer is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon or introduced in any disciplinary action or appeal by either party. **STROHM** agrees that should the **BOARD** reject this CONSENT AGREEMENT and if this case proceeds to hearing, she will assert no claim that the **BOARD** was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this CONSENT AGREEMENT or of any information relating thereto.

STROHM hereby releases the members of the **BOARD**, its officers and employees, jointly and severally, from any and all liability arising from the matter within.

This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall be considered a public record as that term is used in Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code. Pursuant to 42 USC Section 132a-73(b), 5 USC Section 552a, 45 CFR part 61, and Ohio Revised Code 3123.41 et seq., the **BOARD** may be required to provide **STROHM'S** social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

The **BOARD** shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its July 18, 2008, meeting.

This Consent Agreement will become effective on the date signed by the Chair of the Board.

Deena G. Strohm, LISW
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05/22/08
Date

Kenneth E. Trivison
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